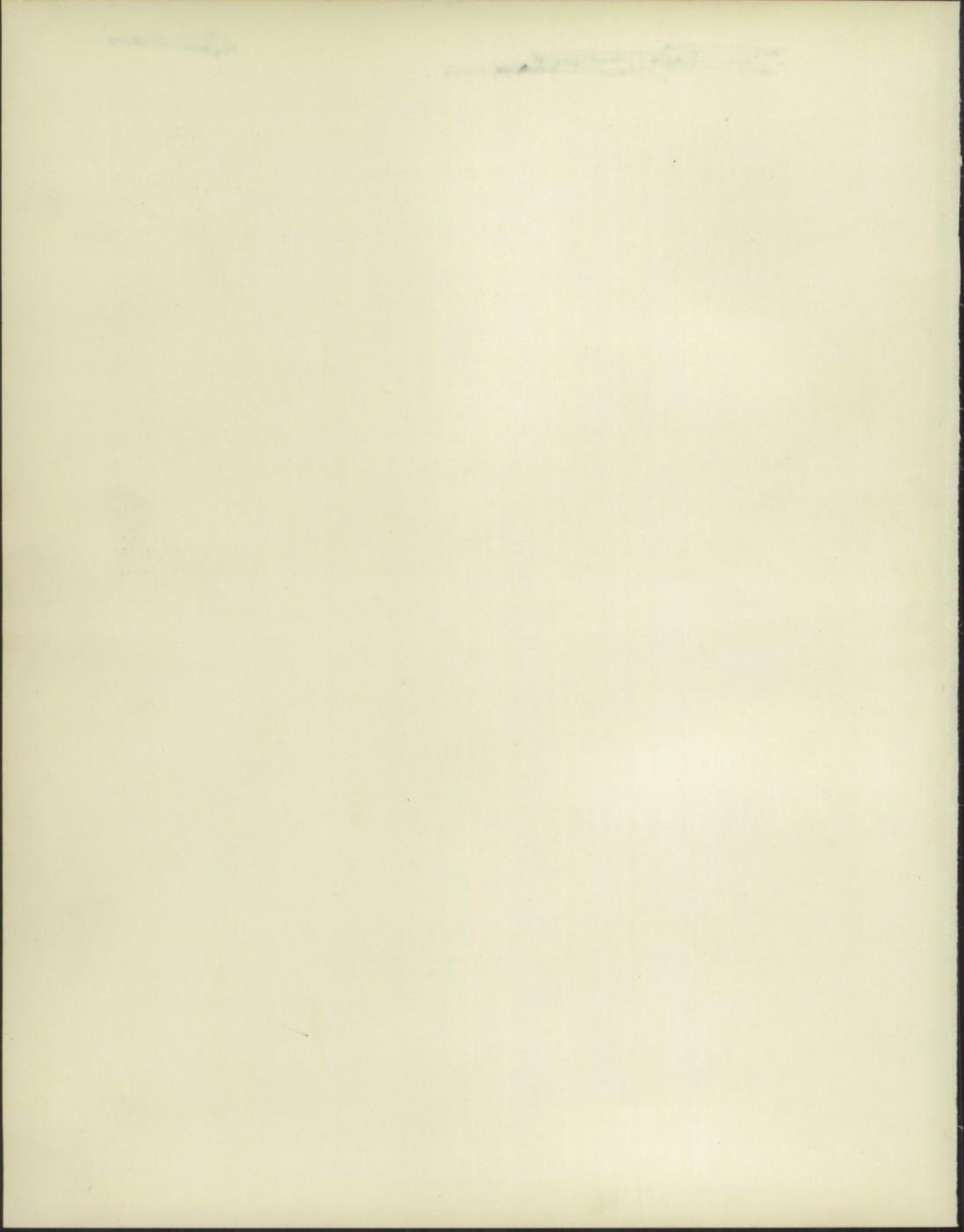




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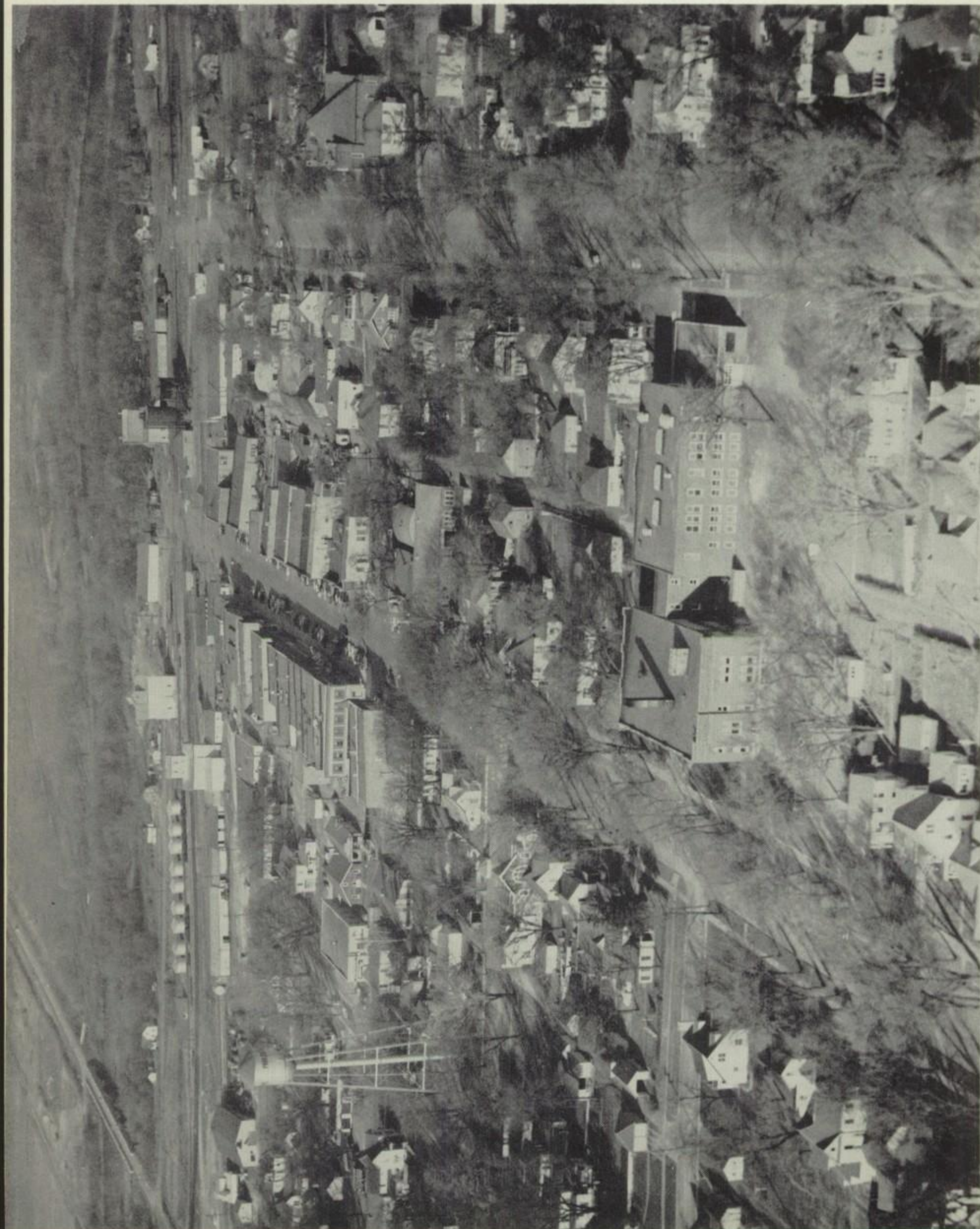




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Our Town

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Teaches Junior High and  
Librarian

CHARLOTTE BAIRD

Washington, Iowa  
Muskingum College  
Teaches Music and Junior High  
English



GORDON COSNER

Conrad, Iowa  
Bachelor of Arts  
Coe College  
Iowa State Teachers' College  
Teaches Band and  
American History



CARL HELLER

Grundy Center, Iowa  
Grinnell College  
Iowa State Teachers' College  
Teaches Biology, General Science,  
And Drivers Training

LYLE KELLEY

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Iowa State Teachers' College  
Bachelor of Arts  
Northwestern Bible College  
Junior High Principal



MARY ANN O'BRIEN  
Hampton, Iowa  
Mount Mercy College  
Teaches Sixth Grade





JUDITH AKERS  
Troy Mills, Iowa  
Iowa State Teachers' College  
Teaches Fifth Grade



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Mount Mercy College  
Teaches First Grade



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Teaches Fourth Grade



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Waldorf College  
Wartburg College  
Teaches Third Grade



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Iowa State Teachers' College  
Teaches Kindergarten



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ED HOMAN



JOHN CONRAD

## Bus Drivers



VERN ANDERSON



HARLEY MULDER



SLIM BROOKMAN  
DUANE CUVELIER  
JACK PERRY  
CHUCK NORRIS

Ready To Go





Eldon, Bill and Gaylen

## Senior

### CLASS MOTTO

"Now We Are Launched; Where Shall We Anchor."

### CLASS COLORS

"Charcoal Gray And Pink"

### CLASS FLOWER

Gardenia

### CLASS OFFICERS

President-Eldon Peters  
Vice-President-Gaylen Kuperus  
Secretary-Bill Snittjer

### CLASS SPONSORS

Mr. Reher  
Mr. Lodge  
Mr. Burns

### ELDON PETERS

"They said greater men have lived,  
I don't think so."

Class Officer, Boys' Basketball  
Manager, Class Play, Pep Club,  
Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, One-  
Act Plays, Band, Baseball Manager,  
FFA, King Candidate.





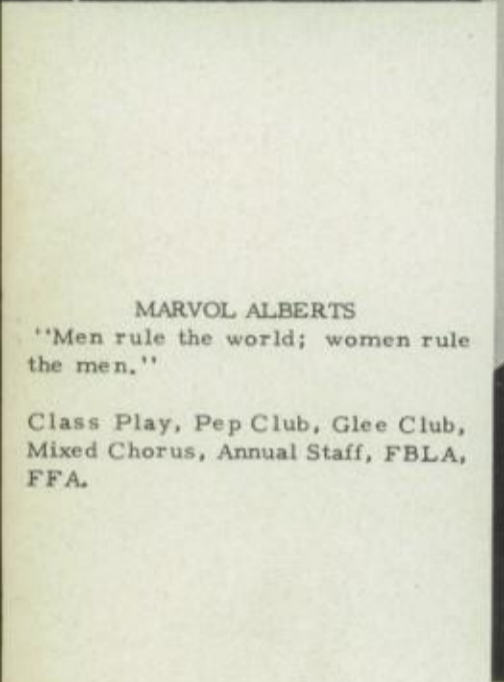
DORANE ABKES  
 "Joy and pleasure is well abound,  
 whenever this gal is around."

Class Play, Student Council, Pep  
 Club, Glee Club, FHA, Mixed Chorus,  
 Annual Staff, Librarian, Top Talk,  
 FBLA.



DONALD BERGMAN  
 "I am the good man who is so hard  
 to fine."

Pep Club, FFA.



MARVOL ALBERTS  
 "Men rule the world; women rule  
 the men."

Class Play, Pep Club, Glee Club,  
 Mixed Chorus, Annual Staff, FBLA,  
 FFA.



JO ANN ALLSPACH  
 "Say what you will; but let me  
 speak longer."

Class Play, Student Council, Pep  
 Club, Glee Club, FHA, FBLA, Mixed  
 Chorus, Annual Staff, Librarian,  
 Top Talk, One Act Plays, Band.



KENNY BROCKA  
 "Blessed be the man who first  
 invented sleep."

Pep Club, Glee Club, Mixed Chorus,  
 FFA.



MARIAN BEITELMANN  
 "Never hurry, never worry."

Class Play, Student Council, Pep  
 Club, Glee Club, Annual Staff,  
 Librarian, Top Talk, FBLA.





DIXIE DRING

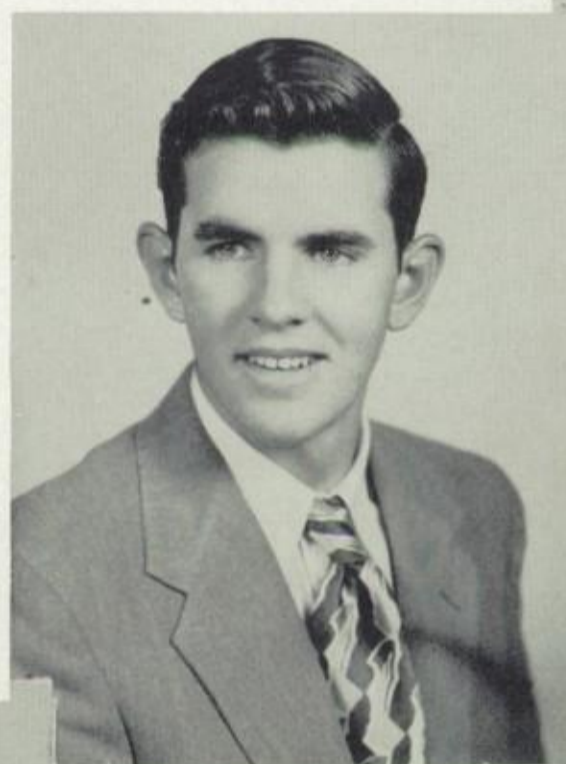
"When you're dead, no more life.  
Why not live while you can?"

Class Play, Student Council, Pep  
Club, Glee Club, FHA, FBLA, Mixed  
Chorus, Annual Staff, Librarian, Top  
Talk, Cheerleader, One Act Plays,  
Twirler.

GARY BUSS

"He is perfectly unconscious that  
he is good-looking."

Basketball, Student Council, Pep  
Club, Mixed Chorus, FFA, Baseball,  
King Candidate.



HARVEY DIEKMAN

"I'm nearly always calm and mild."

Class Officer, Basketball, Letterman,  
Pep Club, Mixed Chorus, FFA,  
Baseball.



MARVIN EILERS

"The love bug will bite you at the  
age of 43."

Basketball, Annual Staff, Baseball.



DONITA DOESCHER

"Like dynamite, she is small."

Class Officer, Class Play, Student  
Council, Pep Club, Glee Club, Mixed  
Chorus, FHA, FBLA, Annual Staff,  
Librarian, Top Talk, Cheerleader,  
Queen Candidate, Sextet.



MARLENE BROCKA

"I agree with no man's opinion, I  
have my own."

Class Play, Pep Club, Glee Club,  
Mixed Chorus, FHA, Annual Staff,  
FBLA, Top Talk,





LAURIS FRERICHS  
"Did great men ever work?"



CURT KYHL  
"He was almost killed by trains of thought running through his mind."

PAULINE HENRICHS  
"I'm as noisy as a mouse."

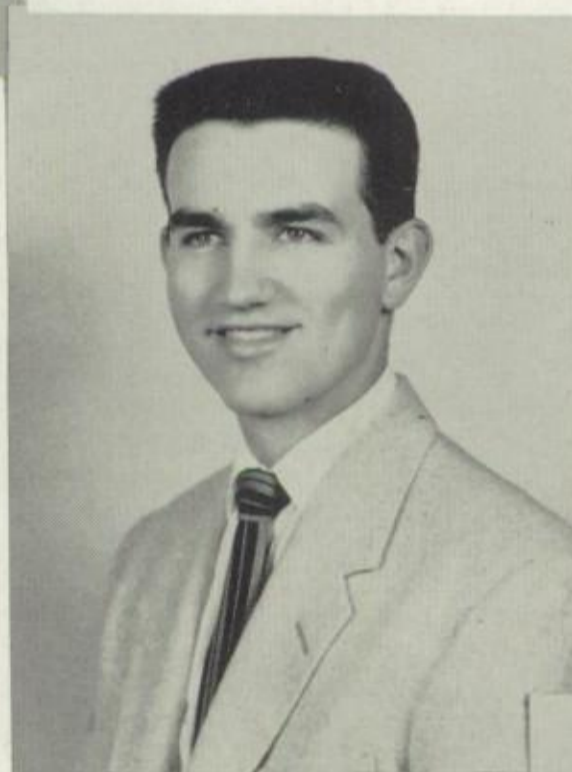
Class Officer, Basketball, FHA, Student Council, Top Talk, FBLA, Annual Staff, Librarian.



Class Officer, Basketball, Class Play, FBLA, Student Council, Glee Club, Pep Club, One-Act Plays, Mixed Chorus, Annual Staff, Band, Projectionist, Baseball, FFA, King Candidate, Quartet.

VERNON JANSSEN  
"I'm an athlete among men."

Basketball, Pep Club, Glee Club, FBLA, FFA, Mixed Chorus, Annual Staff, Baseball, Quartet, Soloist.



RALPH MURRAY  
"A new addition to our class, as a friend he'll surely pass."  
Transferred from Elma. Class Play, Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, One Act Plays, Projectionist.



GAYLEN KUPERUS  
"With my abilities I'd like to be an artist like Walt Disney."

Class Officer, Pep Club, Glee Club, Basketball, Mixed Chorus, Annual Staff, FBLA, Baseball, FFA, Quartet, King Candidate.





HARLAN OELMAN  
 "Liberace never plays like I do."

Class Play, Student Council, Pep Club, Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Annual Staff, Top Talk, One Act Plays, Band, Projectionist, Baseball, FFA, Soloist.



HENRY REINERS  
 "He's not a ladies' man, but he never lets them bother him."

Class Play, Pep Club, Mixed Chorus, FFA.



JIM SCHULTZ  
 "In this day and age, red haired men are the rage."

Class Officer, Class Play, Glee Club, FFA, Student Council, One-Act Plays, Basketball, Mixed Chorus, Band.

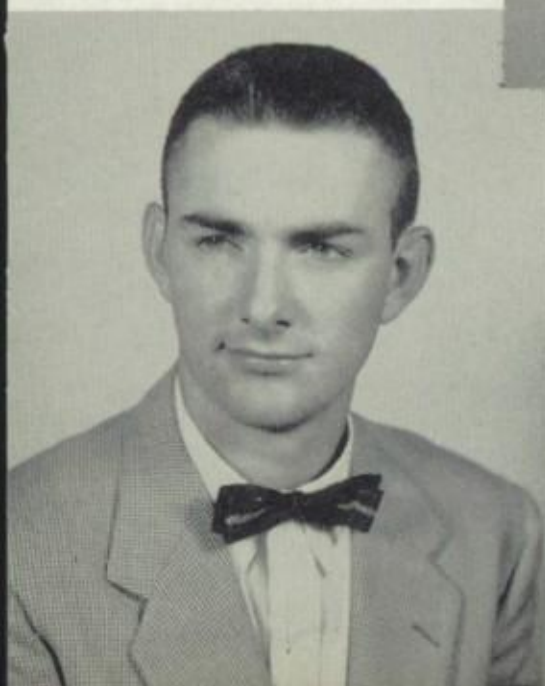


BILL SNITTJER  
 "Basketball is my sport; girls are my speciality."

Class Officer, Basketball, Class Play, Glee Club, Student Council, Pep Club, Mixed Chorus, One-Act Plays, Band, Projectionist, King Candidate, Baseball.

LARRY OLDENBURGER  
 "Wisdom and wise cracks go together."

Pep Club, Glee Club, FFA, Basketball, Baseball, Mixed Chorus.



JOHN SPAIN  
 "The good die young, I don't have to worry."

Class Play, Student Council, Pep Club, Glee Club, FFA, Mixed Chorus.





HARLAN SPREE  
 "I'm not afraid of work, I can sit  
 and look at it for hours."

Pep Club, Glee Club, Mixed Chorus,  
 FFA.



LARRY WILKENS  
 "It is excellent to have a giant's  
 strength."

Pep Club, Glee Club, Mixed Chorus,  
 FFA.



SHIRLEY WESSELS  
 "Tarzan is my speciality."

Class Play, Glee Club, Annual Staff,  
 Librarian, Top Talk, FBLA.



BYRNA WICKERS  
 "Teachers work me to death; that's  
 why I'm so thin."

Class Officer, Basketball, Class  
 Play, Student Council, Pep Club,  
 Glee Club, FHA, FBLA, One-Act  
 Plays, Annual Staff, Librarian, Top  
 Talks, Band.



HIGH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

## Senior Class History

In the fall of 1942, 23 youngsters entered first grade with Miss Kruger as their teacher. They were Alda Vae Abbas, Richard Berends, Kenneth Brocka, LaVerne Brown, Gary Buss, Dixie Dring, Marvin Eilers, Lauris Frerichs, Leroy Froning, Russell Huisman, Jared Kennedy, Curtis Kyhl, Henrietta Luppen, LaVerda Miller, Eldon Peters, Henry Reiners, Eva Kay Rutledge, Vernon Simon, Martha Sweeter, Nancy Tedman, Leroy Truax, and Ronald Truax.

Many of these students moved or dropped by the time we started Junior High. New students were Marvol Alberts, Alvina Brocka, Rena Bean, LaVerne Cuvelier, Larry Fleshner, Richard Froning, Herman Hemmen, Vernon Janssen, Donald Kuisian, Gaylen Kuperus, Terry Reagan, John Spain, Dorane Abkes, Jo Ann Allspach, Doris Kalkwarf, Lori Porter, Harm Smith, Amanda Speiker, Jim Schultz, Byrna Wickers, and Bill Snittjer.

Our class has enjoyed working together on many projects. A few of them were magazine sales, picking up corn, which earned us a radio, and taking a trip to Des Moines, to visit the state capital.

When we were Freshmen, more new students joined us. They were Marian Beitelmann, Kenneth Brocka, Marlene Brocka, Donita Doescher, Pauline Henricks, Shirley Wessels, Margie Menken, Donald Bergman, Harvey Diekman, Harlan Oelmann, Donald Peters, Henry Reiners, Harlan Spree, Larry Wilkens, and Larry Oldenburger.

One of our highlights of our Freshman year was our initiation party. We also participated in another magazine sale.

In our Junior year, one of our most exciting highlights was presenting the Junior-Senior banquet and prom. Our theme was "Paris". The Vance Dixon band played for our prom. We made a great deal of money by selling concessions at basketball games and bake sales, which we held downtown.

This year, one of the things we will remember is the basketball county tournament and sectional tournament which we won. Four of the first five were from our class. They were Curtis Kyhl, Vernon Janssen, Gary Buss, and Bill Snittjer. At the home-coming game, Gary Buss was crowned king. Two of his attendants were Curtis Kyhl and Bill Snittjer. Donita Doescher was one of the queen's attendants. She was also our queen candidate in our Freshman and Sophomore years. Lori Porter was our candidate in our Junior year.

Another thing which we will remember about our Senior year is the preparation of this annual. Even though it was hard, we enjoyed every minute of it.

This ends our high school days, which I am sure we can say we have enjoyed very much. Members of the graduating class are Dorane Abkes, Marvol Alberts, Jo Ann Allspach, Marian Beitelmann, Don Bergman, Kenneth Brocka, Marlene Brocka, Gary Buss, Harvey Diekman, Donita Doescher, Dixie Dring, Marvin Eilers, Lauris Frerichs, Pauline Henricks, Vernon Janssen, Gaylen Kuperus, Curtis Kyhl, Ralph Murray, Harlan Oelman, Eldon Peters, Henry Reiners, Jim Schultz, John Spain, Bill Snittjer, Harlan Spree, Shirley Wessels, Byrna Wickers, and Larry Wilkens.

## Senior Class Will of 1955

We, the Senior Class of '55', do now make this our last will and testament since the time is nearly here to leave our dear PHS.

We, do hereby will and bequeath the following things to our fellow students and teachers in hopes that they will make life interesting during their remaining years.

I, Dorane Abkes, will my giggle to Elizabeth Berends, in hopes that she will make life enjoyable.

I, Marvol Alberts, will my broad shoulders to Jim Aswegan, in hopes that he will be benefitted by it.

I, Jo Ann Allspach, will my ability to play the oboe to Floyd Junker.

I, Marian Beitelmann, will my ability to get along with the boys to Anna Mae Schipper.

I, Don Bergman, will my quietness to Bob Johnson, in hopes that he makes much use of it.

I, Kenneth Brocka, will my innocent looks to anyone in high school who thinks they can make use of it.

I, Marlene Brocka, will my freckles and 'don't care look' to Carla Hosch.

I, Gary Buss, will my ability to become basketball king to Bernhard Conrads.

I, Harvey Diekman, will my '50 Ford to Gary Lumley, so he will have transportation to take his girl home after basketball games.

I, Donita Doescher, will my invisible mole under my left eye to Janice Praisner, who also has an invisible mole, in hopes that they will become one visible one.

I, Dixie Dring, will my ability to get a diamond ring before my Senior year to Janice Jansen, who already has a good start.

I, Marvin Eilers, will my ability to leave girls alone to Justin Nicklaus.

I, Lauris Frerichs, feel that everything that I have will be useful to me in later life, so I will not will it.

I, Pauline Henrichs, will my quiet manner and voice to Janice Stopplemoor, who I think may be able to make use of it.

I, Vernon Janssen, will my position on the basketball team to Roger Doescher.

I, Gaylen Kuperus, will my ability to go with the same girl for two years to Roger Aukes, who already is doing fine.

I, Curtis Kyhl, will my interests in Greene High School to Heiko Reiners, and I hope that he enjoys it as much.

I, Ralph Murray, will my ability to run a movie projector to Gary DeGroote.

I, Harlan Oelmann, will my Mercury to Ronnie Kollman, in hopes that he will also make good use of.

I, Larry Oldenburger, will my ability to give a 10-minute speech on pigs to any boy in the Junior Class who has the ability to do so.

I, Eldon Peters, will my ability to spin my 1940 Chevrolet on ice two times to George Mulder, who can do it one and a half times.

I, Henry Reiners, will my ability to go without a coat in the winter time to anyone who is brave enough to try it.

I, Jim Schultz, will my chemical ability to Gaylen Jungling.

I, Bill Snittjer, will my ability to wear my levies without a belt to my brother, Chuck, who already is pretty good at it.

I, John Spain, will my ability to get into trouble in all my classes with all my teachers to Darrel Anderson.

I, Harlan Spree, will my seat in the 9th row beside the window to Vernon Simon, so he can enjoy looking out of it as much as I did.

I, Byrna Wickers, will my slim figure to Sharon Faber.

I, Larry Wilkens, will my mischievousness to Craig Rolfs.

I, Shirley Wessels, will my friendly attitude toward boys to Dorothy Ridder, and I hope that she will benefit by it.

## Senior Class Prophecy

It is 1965. Yes, it was 10 years ago today when I graduated. Let's drive around the vicinity and see what some of my classmates are doing.

As we drive into Allison Iowa, we see Mrs. Doug Miller, the former Dixie Dring, walking into the grocery store with her three children. She informs me that they live on a farm southwest of Allison.

Driving further north, we stop at Greene, where we meet Marvin Eilers, who began his football coaching career there this year. We learn that so far they have had no wins.

Driving back into Parkersburg, I recognize several of the farmers working in the field. Mr. Spree, and his wife, the former Janice Praisner, are busy chasing their hogs out of their corn field. Across the road lives Mr. Wilkens. Yes, he's still a bachelor, quite busy looking for a wife.

In Parkersburg, I decided to stop in the drug store for a coke, and who should wait on me? None other, than Mrs. Bill Snittjer, the former Donita Doescher. She tells me that they have bought the store and are getting along quite nicely.

Walking further down the street, I see Dorane Abkes decorating a window in her father's clothing store, which has become quite large.

Parkersburg Produce is now owned by Gaylen Kuperus, who is quite a chicken raiser. His last experiment was crossing a chicken and a duck. The result was bigger and better eggs.

Hey, there, take it easy! A car just passed me, and in it was Shirley Wessels, who just got a job working with Jimmy Lynch.

Looking into the newspaper, I see that one of our women came into politics. Pauline Henrichs is doing a fine job as governor of the Alcatraz Islands. Last week, her husband-to-be, Ralph Murray, a photographer for many of our best quality movies, joined her.

One very popular young man in this town at present is Henry Reiners. He has invented a kind of fluid to put in cars which is made of water and other liquids. It is run mostly in hot rods.

Oh, oh, there's a cop! Kenneth Brocka! I wonder how he got that position. Maybe it was through a former cop's daughter.

Eldon Peters, who was basketball and baseball manager is now known for his famous speeches which he is giving to the teams in all the schools of the country.

Marlene Brocka, and her partner, Byrna Wickers, are keeping busy by selling men's clothing in an exclusive clothing store in Alaska. Harlan Oelman, working with a refrigerator company, is also stationed there with the sole purpose of selling deep-freezers and refrigerators. His bonuses are spent on these two fine young ladies.

Don Bergman, who recently took as his wife, Marlys Menken, is happily living on a large turkey farm north of Parkersburg. His landlord, Curtis Kyhl, lives with them.

Marvol Alberts, the famous girl-chaser has been having troubles. He just can't decide which girl he is in love with.

Jo Ann Allspach, who is now a home economics teacher, has accepted a position in Shell Rock, where she will live on a farm with her husband.

How about some white rats to take home to your children as pets? Just go to the "Buss Pet Shop" in Parkersburg, and Gary Buss will furnish you with everything you need.

It seems as if we also have some actors in the class, as I notice on the movie billboard. Harvey Diekman and Larry Oldenburger are replacing the famous Abbott and Costello.

Last week it was announced that the "Schlitz Sity Slickers" dance band is to appear in Parkersburg. Jim Schultz is the chief drummer.

Marian Beitelmann, our former famous "boy chaser" has just completed an invention. It is a ball and chain weapon which is rapidly becoming popular with the girls in high school who are out to "gogetum."

Vernon Janssen has finally decided that operating a small grocery store isn't so bad after all. Helping him is some cute little chic from a town near by.

John Spain, our town garbage collector for the past 10 years, has given up the job to another one of his old classmates, Lauris Frerichs. John is now busily going about hauling coal.

## Junior

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 Gary DeGroote

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Lee Freese  
Robert Johnson  
Gaylen Jungling



Marlys Menken  
George Mulder  
Juanita Murray  
Justin Nicklaus



Janice Pruisner  
Jim Riggs  
Vernon Simon  
Charles Snittjer



Adel Wiegmann  
Bill Williams



## Sophomore

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 Frank Oldenburger, Vice-President  
 Marlys Ulfers . . . . . Secretary-  
 Treasurer



Linda Ascher  
 Roger Aukes



Mary Ann Bergman  
 Norma Brandt  
 James Burchard  
 Jerald Cuvelier



Joe DeGroote  
 Patricia DeVries  
 Charles Eilers  
 Sharon Faber

Sandra Folkers  
Marilyn Hobbs  
Delores Hoogestraat  
Carla Hosch



Janice Jansen  
Ronald Kollmann  
Connie Kyhl  
Frank Oldenburger



Judy Peppler  
Heiko Reiners  
Darryl Reints  
Ruth Renken



Anna Schipper  
Marlys Ulfers  
Ronnie Willbaum



## Freshman

Craig Rolfs . . . . . President  
 Ardith Brocka . . . Vice-President  
 Gary Lufnley . . . . . Secretary-  
    Treasurer



Lynnette Alberts  
 Mary Arends  
 James Aswegan



Elizabeth Berends  
 Esther Berends  
 Henry Bohlen  
 Ardith Brocka



Bonnie Buss  
 Roger Doescher  
 William Hammar  
 Dale Hassman

James Jansen  
Ellen Jungling  
Floyd Junker  
Mary Karsjens



Shellon Kroeze  
Gary Lumley  
Larry Pruisner  
Carole Reher



Dorothy Ridder  
Cheryl Rogers  
Craig Rolfs  
Carol Smith



Janice Stoppelmoor  
Vernice Syhlman  
Duane Wildeboer





Judy Adelmund  
Dick Anderson  
Donna Andreesen  
Clarence Aukes  
Evan Bennehoff



Darrel Brandt  
Joyce Brocka  
Harry Buseman  
Deanna Buss  
Bethal Graham



Don Haack  
James Hammar  
Henrietta Henrichs  
Jimmy Hosch  
George Johnson



## Eighth Grade

Mr. Kelley



Victor Junker  
Clarence Karsjens  
David Knock  
Joyce Knudson  
Kenny Kyhl



Carroll Miller  
Delores Miller  
Charles Penticoff  
Allen Puisner  
Carol Puisner



Dick Snittjer  
Judy Spain  
Karen Spain  
Duane Tjabring  
Pat Whitcanack





## Seventh Grade

Mrs. Evans



Jolene Aalderks  
Robert Abbas  
Michael Allison  
Donald Anderson  
Larry Asche  
Vera Aswegan



Dennis Bartels  
Delores Berends  
Robert Cavin  
Thola Cramer  
Sandra Cuvelier  
Brenda Harberts



Betty Hassman  
Lois Hobbs  
Delbert Huisman  
Carol Jansen  
Lois Kollman  
Kenny Kusian

Elmer Reints  
Joey Ridder  
Merle Schrage  
Russell Simon  
Joan Smeins



Bennie Stickley  
Bonnie Stickley  
Judy Stout  
Delma Tammen  
Robert Thorne



Bonnie Tjepkes  
Sharon Ulfers  
Dick Van Horn  
Nancy Wahl  
LeRoy Wallbaum





Leonard Abkes  
Jerry Anderson  
Harold Aukes  
Sheila Bode  
Frank Boyce



Melva Card  
Keith Cuvelier  
Kay Eilers  
Jim Etjen  
Dennis Hagen



Joe Hammar  
Donald Hulsing  
Craig Knepe  
Joyce Krull  
Caroline Luppen



Miss O'Brien

## Sixth Grade



Rosalyn Morse  
Bobby Neymeyer  
Berdie Reagan  
James Reents



Diane Schuck  
Roger Seehusen  
Sally Simon  
Kenneth Thorne



Roger Timmer  
Kendall Truax  
Kathy Uhlenhopp  
Jim Wildeboer





Miss Akers

## Fifth Grade



Linda Adelmund  
Larry Brookman  
Bennie Buss  
Karen Buss



Evelyn Daws  
Roger De Groot  
Rollyn De Groot  
Gary Galpin



Roy Hassman  
Ronald Hoogestraat  
Mariys Johnson  
Linda Kadous

Kenny Knock  
Dennis Knudson  
Kathy Miller



Sally Miller  
Rue Nicklaus  
Gordon Reints



Carol Tjepkes  
Maxine Truax  
Joe Wallbaum





Dennis Andreessen  
Karen Aukes  
Karen Berends  
James Brookman



Lee Buseman  
Janet Cirksena  
Bonnie Cuvelier  
Billy Ellinger



Craig Etjen  
James Frerichs  
Donna Hulsing  
Mary Jacobson



Miss Seaton

## Fourth Grade



Janet Jansen  
David Murray  
Michael O'Mara  
Keith Pruisner



Patricia Reher  
Mary Schroeder  
Frank Smith  
Ronald Smith



Delbert Uhlenhopp  
Dick Uhlenhopp





Mrs. Cosner

# Third Grade



James Adolphs  
Denise Anderson  
Betty Asche  
Jimmy Aswegen  
Patty Barrett



Bonita Bennehoff  
Renee Buss  
Allen Card  
Lonny Dreyer  
Steven Froemming



Carol Hasty  
Nancy Hempen  
Vicki Hoogestraat  
Peggy Hosch  
Gary Johnson

Gretchen Knepe  
James Lohr  
Dorothy MacCormack  
Frank Miller  
Mary Nicklaus



Pat O'Mara  
William Reents  
Joan Ridder  
Bonnie Schneiderman  
Eileen Schrage



Marlys Seehusen  
Ruth Shaw  
Janice Truax  
Sheryl Wildeboer  
Dennis Hartema





David Aalderks  
Carol Adelmund  
Mary Andreesen  
Tommy Arends  
Linda Aukes  
Ronald Boyce



Thuran Brookman  
Marvin Buss  
Louie Card  
Darwin Cuvelier  
Steven Daws  
Judy Hagen



Eileen Hassman  
Phyllis Hawkins  
Steven Heller  
Barthol Holm  
Robert Johnson  
Mavis Jungling



Mrs. Folkers

## Second Grade



Harold Miller  
Steve Nicklaus  
Shirley Reints  
Billy Schroeder  
Gaylen Schuck



Jon Schuck  
Beverly Simon  
Robbe Sipe  
Deborah Stout  
Delores Thorne



Diane Ulfers  
Bob Waters  
Bobby Williams





Miss Derga

# First Grade



Jolene Abkes  
David Allison  
Dean Andreesen  
Robert Arenholz  
Ray Barrett  
David Boyce



David Brookman  
Paul Bruns  
Margaret Cleary  
Carol Daws  
David Dreyer  
Jim Kadous



Ronnie Kemmerer  
Carolyn Kolder  
Rebecca Kyhl  
Patty Leonard  
Joyce MacCormack  
Allen McDowell

Bill Meyer  
James Nicklaus  
Jane Norman  
Ranae Norris  
Rickey Reher



Beverly Reints  
Vicki Rewerts  
Linda Rieken  
Randy Schell  
Lois Shaw



Tim Sipe  
Carol Smeins  
Robert Wallbaum



Absent  
Wallace Johnson  
Connie Johnson



Douglas Adelmund  
Sandra Adelmund  
Jane Arends  
Brenda Aswegen  
David Brown  
Joel Buss  
Shirley Card



Gary Cornelius  
Debby Danielson  
Claudia Feckers  
Terry Foster  
Donna Fowler  
Gloria Frerichs  
Dala Froemming



Michael Groen  
Gail Hasty  
Diane Heeren  
Sterling Heller  
Craig Hemmen  
Tom Hoogestraat  
Vickie Hook



Mrs. Kannegieter

## Kindergarten



Ethel Hulsing  
Kristin Humphrey  
Ellen Jaenicke  
Shirley Johnson  
Michael Knock  
Scott Lange  
Bertha Meester



David Mulder  
John O'Mara  
Victoria Oppold  
Darlene Pruisner  
Robert Schell  
Becky Schuck  
Linda Schwerdtfeger



Charlotta Sloan  
Russell Sluiter  
Gaylen Timmer  
Lois Tjepkes  
Peggy Wade  
Robert Wildeboer

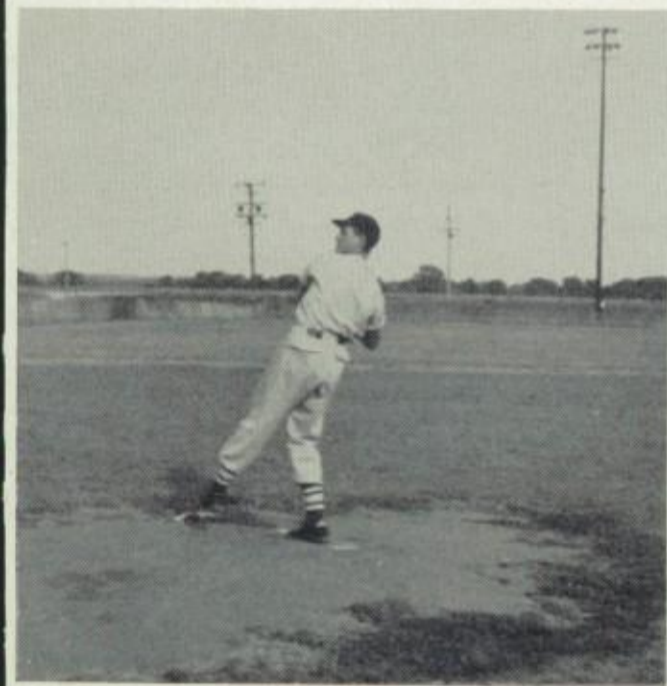


# High

GIRLS' BASKETBALL



BASEBALL



JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET



TROPHIES



PARTIES

# Lights

BOYS' BASKETBALL



HOME-COMING



FLAG-RAISING DAY



# Annual Staff



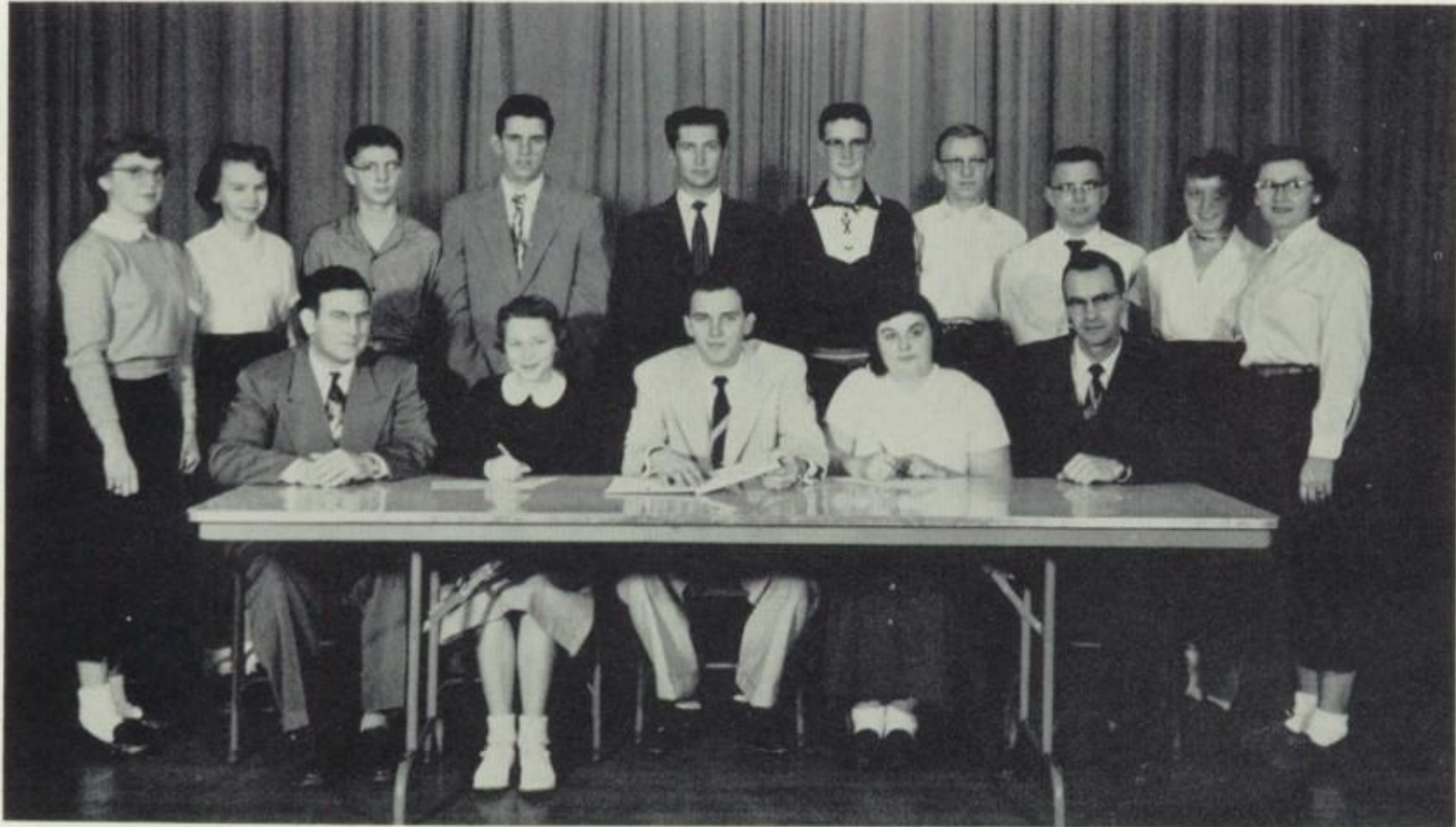
SEATED: Left to Right: Shirley Wessels, Byrna Wickers, Mr. Burns. STANDING: Harlan Oelman, Marvol Alberts, Curt Kyhl, Vernon Janssen, Marian Beitelmann, Marlene Brocka, Donita Doescher, Gaylen Kuperus, Dixie Dring, Pauline Henricks, Dorane Abkes, Jo Ann Allspach.

The annual staff was composed of eighteen Seniors. Work started early with Bill Snittjer selling advertising locally and Shirley Wessels selling out of town by mail. These two, we believe, have set a record with \$545 sold. Photography was handled by Harlan Oelman. The two subscription managers were Jo Ann Allspach and Dorane Abkes. A total of 275 copies have been ordered this year. Under the efficient leadership of Byrna Wickers work proceeded on schedule. The department editors were: Marlene Brocka, Seniors, faculty, and board of education; Pauline Henricks and Marian Beitelmann, underclassmen; Dixie Dring, activities, classes and clubs; Donita Doescher, instrumental and vocal music; Curt Kyhl, sports, with sub-editors of Gaylen Kuperus for girls' basketball, Marvol Alberts for boys' basketball, and Vernon Janssen for baseball. Also on the staff were Gary Buss, Marvin Eilers, and Lauris Frerichs.

Bill Snittjer, advertising sales manager, has a potential customer cornered.



# Student Council



SEATED: Left to Right: Mr. Lodge, Sponsor, Donita Doescher, Harlan Oelman, Dorane Abkes, Mr. Reher, Sponsor. STANDING: Carla Hosch, Carole Reher, Charles Eilers, Gary Buss, Bill Snittjer, Jim Schultz, James Aswegan, Chuck Snittjer, Marlys Menken, Jo Ann Allspach.

The Parkersburg Student Council is affiliated with the National and State Student Council organizations. This fall four of our members attended the State Student Council Convention in Ames. Our students observed many operations of parliamentary procedure and ways to make money for the club.

Our Council consists of a boy and girl from each class, and one representative from each chartered organization. The organization's sponsors are Mr. Reher and Mr. Lodge.

The purpose of the Student Council is "to provide a means of creating better fellowship and understanding between faculty and students and among students themselves, and to give a greater opportunity, for self-government and experiences in democratic practices."

Some of the activities which our Council sponsored this year have been: home-coming activities, a cookie sale, and all high school parties.

In the second semester Donita Doescher, Dorane Abkes, and Gary Buss were replaced on the Council with Gaylen Kuperus, Janice Jansen, and Pauline Henrichs. The officers for the second semester were: President, Harlan Oelman; Vice-President, Jim Schultz; Secretary-Treasurer, Carla Hosch.

# Future Business Leaders of America



FOURTH ROW: Byrna Wickers, Gaylen Kuperus, Curt Kyhl, Vernon Janssen, Marvol Alberts, Pauline Henrichs. THIRD ROW: Chuck Snittjer, Delores Hoogestraat, Norma Brandt, Beverly Berends, Joyce Buss, Marlene Brocka, Marlys Menken. SECOND ROW: Mr. Burns, Marian Beitefmann, Shirley Wessels, Anna Mae Schipper, Sandra Folkers, Dixie Dring, Donita Doescher, Betty Lou Brocka. FIRST ROW: Margie Fleshner, Janice Pruisner, Darrel Anderson, Jo Ann Allspach, Dorane Abkes.

The F.B.L.A. is composed of twenty-five members this year. Under the capable leadership of President Jo Ann Allspach meetings are held once a month. Some of the projects for the year were the collecting of Butternut Coffee strips, operation of a coat check booth at basketball games, sale of booster pins, addressing the Christmas seal envelopes, and a field trip to the Eclipse office during January with Mr. Ryan explaining the various machines. We are looking forward to the state convention in Cedar Falls in March, the state typing contest in Des Moines during April, and the annual work day during May. This club also awards the pins in shorthand and typewriting. Our goal of an electric typewriter is nearly within reach.



FBLA OFFICERS

PROJECT



**F B L A Work Day April 26, 1954**

Thelma Wiegmann at Trey's.



Bernita Nicklaus at Kyhl's.

Verlene Bronsema at Heine's.



Norma Behrends at Parkersburg Motors.



Donis Stoppelmoor at Paul's Apparel.

Bonnie Hubbard at Kyhl's.



Esther Everts at Faber's Insurance.



Josephine DeGroote at Iowa Public Service.

Jo Ann Meyer at Van Erman & Maulder Law Office.



Arvilla Meester at Behnke's Law Office.



Bob Ellinger at Spahn & Rose.

Dawn Dix at Johnston's Feed Mill.



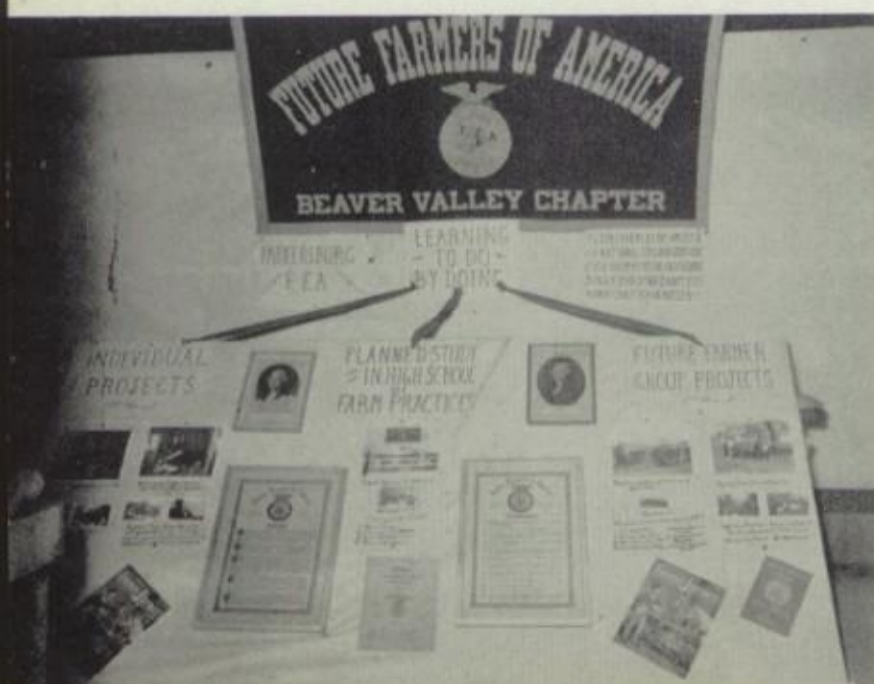


THIRD ROW: Gary DeGroote, Justin Nicklaus, Joe DeGroote, Kenneth Brocka, George Mulder, Harlan Oelman, Roger Doescher, Larry Praisner, Shellon Kroeze. SECOND ROW: Mr. Stewart, Frank Oldenburger, Lee Freeseeman, Larry Wilkens, Henry Bohlen, Heiko Reiners Jr., Floyd Junker, Bob Johnson. FIRST ROW: Harvey Diekman, Donald Bergman, Harlan Spree, Jim Schultz, John Spain, Larry Oldenburger.

## Future Farmers of America

There are thirty members in the local Future Farmer Chapter, the Beaver Valley Chapter. The activities of the group are varied, and we have participated in many contests this year around the state. The boys exhibited their livestock projects at the county and state fairs, taking many awards. A judging team representing the Chapter competed at the Yorkshire type conference at Cedar Rapids taking honors there. The team judged swine at the National Barrow show in Austin, Minnesota. It took fourth place at the Duroc type conference at Calara farms in September with Jim Schultz the high individual of the entire contest receiving a nice trophy. The Chapter attended the National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, in October. The boys will climax the year by exhibiting their swine projects at the Iowa State Spring Barrow show in Cedar Rapids and by attending the state convention at Council Bluffs. The Chapter had two applicants for the Iowa Farmer Degree which was awarded at the state convention in the spring.

FFA EXHIBIT



AGRICULTURE ROOM





PLANTING CORN IN TEST PLOT



PICKING FFA CORN



UNLOADING CORN



FFA SPRING MARKET BARROW SHOW



CEDAR RAPIDS MARKET BARROW SHOW



HARVEY DIEKMAN AND HIS EXHIBIT



JIM SCHULTZ AND HIS EXHIBIT

HARLAN SPREE WITH FIRST PRIZE



HARLAN OELMAN AND HIS EXHIBIT



# Future Homemakers of America



FOURTH ROW: Marlene Brocka, Janice Jansen, Marlys Ulfers, Beverly Berends, Norma Brandt, Adel Weigmam, Carole Reher, Mary Lou Arends, Carol Smith, Carla Hosch. THIRD ROW: Jo Ann Allspach, Judy Peppler, Mary Ann Bergman, Esther Berends, Elizabeth Berends, Janice Stoppelmoor, Lynnette Alberts, Dorane Abkes. SECOND ROW: Miss Ahlstrom, Mary Ann Karsjens, Ardith Brocka, Marilyn Hobbs, Betty Lou Brocka, Sandra Folkers, Cheryl Rogers, Ruth Renken. FIRST ROW: Sharon Faber, Linda Ascher, Connie Kyhl, Dixie Dring, Ellen Jungling.

With Connie Kyhl as our President, FHA this year engaged in several activities. The year opened with a welcoming picnic for the Freshman girls. Other activities included a candle-making project at Christmas time and a penny-pot-luck supper in February. Most of the members attended the district meeting at Sumner in October while three delegates represented the club at the state convention in Des Moines in April.



FHA Decorates Tree.

# Lunch Program



Chow Line

Our school lunch program began in the fall of 1950 and is completing its fifth year of service. It is organized and operated according to the standards set forth by the Federal School Lunch Program to provide adequate noon lunches for our students.

Approximately 125 persons enjoy lunches each noon which are prepared by Mrs. Sam Buss and Mrs. Tillie Nicklaus. Serving, dishes, tickets, and general dining room duties are cared for by Mrs. Anna Fleshner with the help of several high school students.

The original equipment debt has been retired and the program is now debt free. Since the project is operated on a nonprofit basis, it has been possible to serve excellent meals at very reasonable prices.

An added feature of the lunch program this year has been participation in the Federal Surplus Milk Project which has aided our program and greatly increased milk consumption by our students.

Mrs. Buss and Mrs. Nicklaus.



LEFT:  
Miss Ahlstrom  
selling  
tickets.  
LOWER LEFT:  
Arlene  
counting  
ticket  
money.

Mrs. Fleshner



# Top Talk Staff



SEATED: Jo Ann Allspach, Sharon Faber, Lynnette Alberts, Pauline Henrichs, Ruth Renken, Marlene Brocka. STANDING: Darrel Anderson, Harvey Diekmann, Shirley Wessels, Harlan Oelman, Mr. Girsch-Sponsor, Carole Reher, Janice Jansen, Margie Fleshner, Byrna Wickers, Dorane Abkes, Dixie Dring, Donita Doescher.

School activities, both of an academic and social nature, were reported in the news in the news sketches, prepared by the members of the TOP TALK STAFF. Both the elementary and secondary departments of the school were covered by the staff members. These appeared in the PARKERSBURG ECLIPSE each week, and covered activities having to do with, class projects, music, athletics, dramatics, and club work.

Responsibility for the typing of these items fell to the associate editors, Pauline Henrichs and Shirley Wessels. The entire project was under the supervision of the faculty advisor, Howard J. Girsch.

Pauline Henrichs, Co-Editor

Shirley Wessels, Co-Editor



# Librarians



SEATED: Left to Right: Shirley Wessels, Lynnette Alberts, Ruth Brookman, Margie Fleschner, Delores Hoogestraat. STANDING: Mrs. Evans, Cheryl Rogers, Marilyn Hobbs, Carole Reher, Mary Arends, Corolene Arenholz, Joyce Buss.

The service of the library in high school reaches into all departments of the curriculum and to all students. The operational success depends upon co-operation between students using the library and the staff of student librarians. It is essential that the location of books be known at all times in order that they may be readily available for students who desire to use them. A check-out and a check-in sheet is kept by the student librarians during each period of the day. I tender my thanks to the excellent staff, and to Shirley Wessels, who has done the typing this year....Mrs. Evans.

Mrs. Evans



Reading Newspapers

Mary Lou checks out a book for Lynnette.



# Safety Patrol



FOURTH ROW: Left to Right: Allen Praisner, Joyce Knudson, Judy Spain, Karen Spain, Joyce Brocka. THIRD ROW: Jolene Aalderks, Sandra Cuvelier, Thola Kay Cramer, Judy Stout, Carol Jansen, Robert Cavin, David Knock. SECOND ROW: Pat Whitcanack, Bethel Graham, Joan Smeins, Brenda Harberts, Lois Hobbs, Duane Tjabring, Donnie Haack. FIRST ROW: Jimmy Hosch, Sharon Ulfers, Nancy Wahl, Dick Snittjer, James Hammar, Robert Abbas, Merle Schrage, Mr. Kelly.

From the students of Junior High who volunteered for Safety Patrol this year, twenty-nine qualified by passing the AAA Patrol test with high scores. These patrol members covered two posts eighteen times daily, six of these posts were fifteen minutes long. In addition a bus patrol operated to insure the safety of our rural students. The patrol functioned efficiently under the leadership of our captain (Dick Snittjer) and a co-captain (Nancy Wahl). The object of our Parkersburg Safety Patrol is not only to instruct, direct, and protect our students while crossing streets adjoining the school, but to help them to think in terms of safety when ever they are in such situations. The patrol not only did a fine job this year, but all feel that this experience helped them to learn to shoulder responsibility and in turn become better citizens.

Typical Street Scene



Dick Snittjer, Captain



# Concert Band



Director: Mr. Gordon Cosner, President: Gaylen Jungling. Clarinets: Marilyn Hobbs, Carole Reher, Carla Hosch, Nancy Wahl, Ardith Brocka, Joyce Knudson, Connie Kyhl, Sharon Faber, Thola Cramer, Dennis Bartels. Cornets: Eldon Peters, Darrel Anderson, James Hammar, Marlys Ulfers, Jim Hosch, Allen Pruisner, Craig Rolfs. Flutes: Byrna Wickers, Janice Stoppelmoor. Oboe: Jo Ann Allspach. French Horns: Ellen Jungling, Linda Ascher. Bass Clarinet: Janice Jansen. Alto Saxophones: Cheryl Rogers, Delma Tammen. Tenor Saxophone: Mary Ann Bergman. Trombones: Curt Kyhl, Gaylen Jungling, Donald Haack. Baritones: Harlan Oelman, Norma Brandt. Tympani: Janice Pruisner. Basses: Charles Snittjer, Frank Oldenburger. Bass Drum: Jim Aswegan. Snare Drum: Marlys Menken, Jim Schultz.

The high school band, under the direction of Gordon Cosner, began the school year with an evening marching demonstration downtown in October which was well received by the public. In November several members of the band put on a musical program on television from KWWL, Waterloo. The first concert appearance by the band was at Parent's Night when we did several numbers. For the basketball games, the pep band provided music between games. Of course, December brought on the annual Christmas program in which the band played many fine numbers. Then they settled down to some hard work in preparation for the State Music Contest to be held in May. With spring we have the spring concert and a marching demonstration. The band also takes a trip each spring. Last year we attended the Drake Relays at Des Moines where we marched and took part in the massed band. This is not the end--the band will also take part in the Memorial Day exercises, and will play Wednesday evening concerts downtown during the summer.



CAROLE REHER  
Clarinet



MARILYN HOBBS  
Clarinet

## Instrumental Soloists

### CLARINET QUARTET



HARLAN OELMAN  
Baritone

CAROLE REHER  
ARDITH BROCKA

MARILYN HOBBS  
JANICE JANSEN

CHARLES SNITTJER  
Bass Horn



MARY ANN BERGMAN  
Saxophone





# BATON TWIRLERS

Donita Doescher

Dixie Dring

Judy Pepler

# MAJORETTE

Janice Jansen



JANICE

DONITA

DIXIE

JUDY





### Girls' Glee Club

FRONT ROW: Marilyn Hobbs, Marlene Brocka, Delores Burch, Donita Doescher, Dixie Dring, Carla Hosch, Betty Brocka. SECOND ROW: Ruth Renken, Dorane Abkes, Mary Ann Bergman, Marlys Ulfers, Shirley Wessels, Adel Wiegmann, Sandra Folkers, Miss Baird. THIRD ROW: Janice Jansen, Judy Pepler, Byrna Wickers, Betty Kusian, Janice Pruisner, Margie Fleshner, Connie Kyhl. FOURTH ROW: Norma Brandt, Linda Ascher, Delores Hoogestraat, Sharon Faber, Marian Beitelmann, Anna Mae Schipper, Marlys Menken, Jo Ann Allspach.

### Trio



LEFT TO RIGHT: Carla Hosch, Ruth Renken, Mary Ann Bergmann.

### Sextet



LEFT TO RIGHT: Margie Fleshner, Norma Brandt, Marlys Ulfers, Sandra Folkers, Janice Jansen, Linda Ascher.



## Mixed Chorus

FRONT ROW: Marilyn Hobbs, Dorane Abkes, Harvey Diekman, Ralph Murray, Frank Oldenburger, Sandra Folkers, Dixie Dring. SECOND ROW: Ruth Renken, Linda Ascher, Larry Oldenburger, Larry Wilkens, Gaylen Kuperus, Marlys Menken, Betty Brocka, Miss Baird. THIRD ROW: Marlene Brocka, Mary Ann Bergman, Eldon Peters, Harlan Oelman, Harlan Spree, Bill Snittjer, Norma Brandt, Sharon Faber, Marlys Ulfers. FOURTH ROW: Judy Peppler, Delores Hoogestraat, Janice Jansen, Vernon Janssen, Curtis Kyhl, Marvol Alberts, Henry Reiners, Darrel Anderson, Margie Fleshner, Anna Mae Schipper, Carla Hosch.



GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

## High School Christmas Program



MIXED CHORUS



SEXTET



BAND



MIXED CHORUS

## SPRING CHORUS



BAND

## Freshman Music



FRONT ROW: Floyd Junker, Craig Rolfs, James Jansen, Carol Smith, Mary Ann Karsjens, Ardith Brocka, Cheryl Rogers, Miss Baird. SECOND ROW: Dale Hassman, Esther Berends, Vernice Syhlman, Elizabeth Berends, Carole Reher, Mary Lou Arends, Janice Stoppelmoor, Bonnie Buss, Henry Bohlen. THIRD ROW: Lynnette Alberts, Gary Lumley, Duane Wildeboer, Roger Doescher, Bill Hammar, Larry Pruisner, Shellon Kroeze, James Aswegan, Ellen Jungling.

## Freshman Christmas Program



## Grade School Operetta



# Junior High Music



FRONT ROW: Bonnie Stickley, Donna Andreesen, Sharon Ulfers, Judith Stout, Lois Hobbs, Joan Smiens, Betty Hassman, Bethel Graham, Miss Baird. SECOND ROW: Delores Berends, Brenda Harberts, Lois Kollman, Carol Jansen, Delma Tammen, Nancy Wahl, Jolene Aalderks, Bonnie Tjepkes, Delores Miller, Pat Whitcanack. THIRD ROW: Henrietta Henrichs, Deanna Buss, Sandra Cuvelier, Judy Spain, Karen Spain, Joyce Brocka, Joyce Knudson, Carol Pruisner, Thola Cramer, Judith Adelmund.



FRONT ROW: Carroll Miller, Elmer Rients, Robert Abbas, David Knock, Richard Snittjer, James Hosch, Delbert Huisman, Donald Anderson, Robert Thorne, Miss Baird. SECOND ROW: Joseph Riider, Richard VanHorn, Allen Pruisner, Larry Asche, LeRoy Walbuam, Benjamin Stickley, Duane Tjabring, Victor Junker, James Hammar, Charles Penticoff. THIRD ROW: Dennis Bartels, Merle Schrage, Richard Anderson, Harry Buseman, George Johnson, Donald Haack, Kenneth Kyhl, Evan Bennehoff, Clarence Karsjens, Robert Cavin, Russell Simon, Clarence Aukes.

# Career Day

## PROGRAM Morning

8:30 to 9:00 ..... Assembly  
9:10 to 10:00 ..... Opening Session  
Supt. E. P. Reher, Presiding  
Welcome ..... Mr. John Engelkes  
Parkersburg Rotary Representative  
Introductions ..... Mr. E. Paul Reher  
Superintendent, Parkersburg Public Schools  
Address ..... Mr. Glenn Holmes  
Extension Specialist in Vocational Education, Iowa State College Ames  
Announcements ..... Mr. Duane E. Lodge  
Principal, Parkersburg Public Schools

## CAREER DAY FACULTY

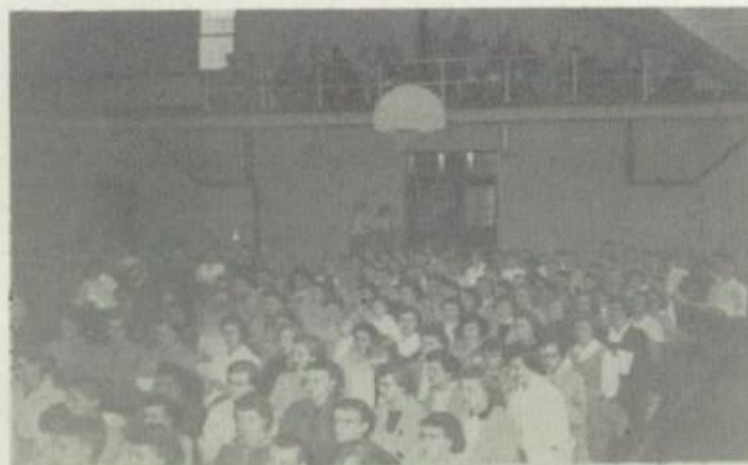
Glenn E. Holmes—Extension Specialist in Vocational Education, Iowa State College, Ames.  
Arthur Carpenter—Assistant Superintendent and Administrator of Instruction, State Department of Public Instruction, Des Moines.  
Tom Wickersham—Extension Animal Husbandman, Iowa State College, Ames.  
Carrie Wise—Director of Office Training, Rath Packing Company, Waterloo.  
Lucile Tubesing—Instructor, Allen Memorial Hospital, School of Nursing, Waterloo.  
Harry Krieg—Chief of Police, Waterloo Police Department, Waterloo.  
Homar Greene—Tool Designer and Past Director of Training, John Deere Manufacturing Company, Waterloo.  
Hugh Granfield—Safety Supervisor, Takin Brothers Freight Lines, Waterloo.  
E. M. Goff—Manager, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Cedar Falls.  
Mrs. Arvilla Jabusch—District Traffic Instructor, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company, Cedar Falls.  
Mrs. Leona Flynn—Chief Technician, Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo.  
G. M. Gardner—District Sales Manager, Braniff Airways, Waterloo.  
Tait Cummins—Sports Director, Radio Station WMT, Cedar Rapids.  
Dale Van Eman—Attorney at Law, Parkersburg.  
W. L. Cassell—Professor of Electrical Engineering, Iowa State College, Ames.  
Dr. Willis Wagner—Assistant Professor of Industrial Arts Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls.  
Dr. Elisabeth Sutherland—Head of the Department of Home Economics, Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls.  
Mrs. Norma Budke—Personnel Director, James Black Dry Goods Co., Waterloo.  
Lester Wilson—American Institute of Business, Des Moines.  
Dr. Harry Guillaume—Head of the Department of Art, Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls.  
Dr. Fred Rolfs—Physician and Surgeon, Aplington.  
Mrs. Allen Platt—Ready-to-Wear Buyer, James Black Dry Goods Co., Waterloo.  
Margaret Stallman—Senior Instructor, Waterloo School of Beauty Culture, Waterloo.  
Warren Meade—Director of Program Development, Radio Station KWWL, Waterloo.  
Dr. L. Meyer Jones—Professor of Veterinary Pharmacology, Iowa State College, Ames.  
Niles Hollingsworth—Chief Architect, John G. Miller Construction Co., Waterloo.  
Gene Thorne—Managing Editor, Waterloo Daily Courier, Waterloo.  
Bob Coughlin—National Studios, Waterloo.  
Mrs. Della Amick—Director, Welfare Office for Butler County, Allison.  
T. Sgt. Margaret West—U. S. Navy Recruiting Substation, Waterloo.  
SFC Sylvia Hedges—U. S. Army Recruiting Station, Waterloo.  
M. Sgt. James W. Hedges, U. S. Army Recruiting Station, Waterloo.  
M. Sgt. A. L. Schlummer—U. S. Air Force Recruiting Station, Waterloo.  
BT1 Robert M. Chambers—U. S. Navy Recruiting Substation, Waterloo.  
M. Sgt. Charlie Haas—U. S. Marine Recruiting Substation, Waterloo.  
Howard Girsch—Faculty Host, Parkersburg Public Schools, Parkersburg.  
Jean Ahlstrom—Faculty Hostess, Parkersburg Public Schools, Parkersburg.



Mr. Girsch, Host, Welcomes  
Police Chief Krieg of Waterloo



MISS AHLSTROM, Hostess



ASSEMBLY

## Assemblies

AL BELL



SPIKE AND DODY DRAPER



RALPH MELVILLE



# Kindergarten Registration



REGISTERING



HEALTH CHECK

## Freshman Day



FUTURE FRESHMEN

### PARENT'S NIGHT

#### Program

Music Hour . . . . . Music Department  
 Introductions And Remarks. . . . . Mr. Reher  
 "Know Your School" . . . . . Panel  
 Open House. . . . . Individual Rooms  
 Refreshments. . . . . Hot Lunch Room



AUDIENCE

#### REGISTRATION



#### PANEL



# Baccalaureate and



THIRD ROW: Bob Oldenburger, Charles Stickley, Morris Uhlenhopp, Norman Card, Fredrick Junker, Gerald Kruger, Marvin Hook, Gerald Jungling, Arthur Johnson. SECOND ROW: Don Simon, Gary Aswegan, Norma Behrends, Esther Everts, Josephine DeGroote, Bonnie Hubbard, Lois Fresenborg, Robert Ellinger, Jack Stickfort, Gerald Buseman. FIRST ROW: Donis Stoppeimoor, Verlene Bronsema, Thelma Wiegmann, Bernita Nicklaus, Jo Ann Meyer, Arvilla Meester, Dawn Lee Dix.

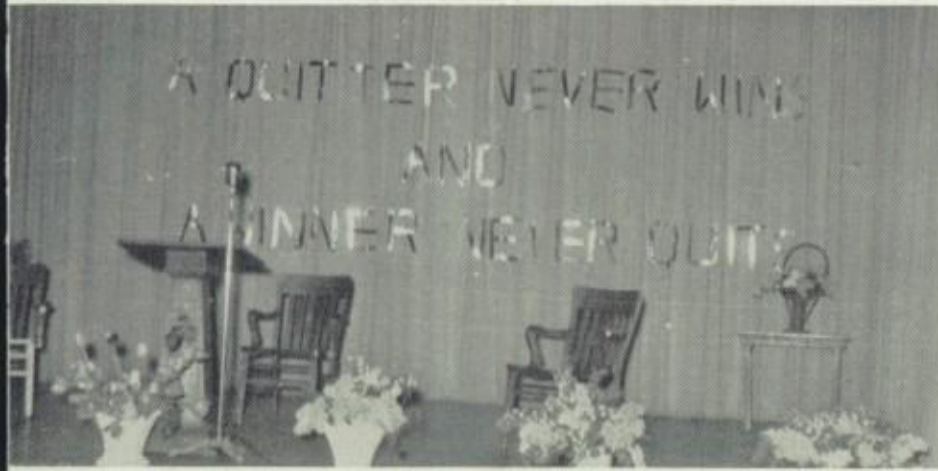
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SALUTATORIAN, MARVIN HOOK



# Commencement

May, 1954



STAGE



SENIORS MARCHING IN



THE CEREMONY BEGINS



REV. GILLETTE, REV. MacCORMACK, REV. REENTS



COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS BY  
DR. DONALD F. HOWARD

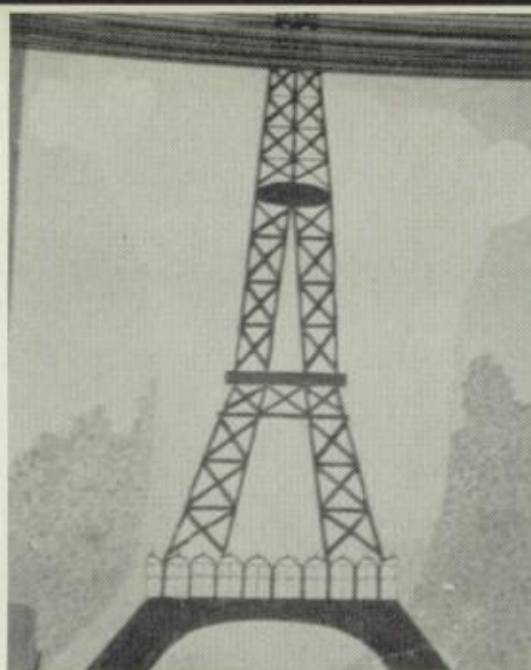


GOODBYE TO THESE HALLOWED HALLS

SITE OF THE CEREMONY



JUNIOR



SENIOR

PAINTING OF EIFFEL TOWER



DON'T REACH OR YOU WILL LOSE AN ARM



PASS THE RADISHES, PLEASE



GIRLS' "STAG" LINE

HEAD TABLE-ELDON PETERS, MC

BOYS' STAG LINE



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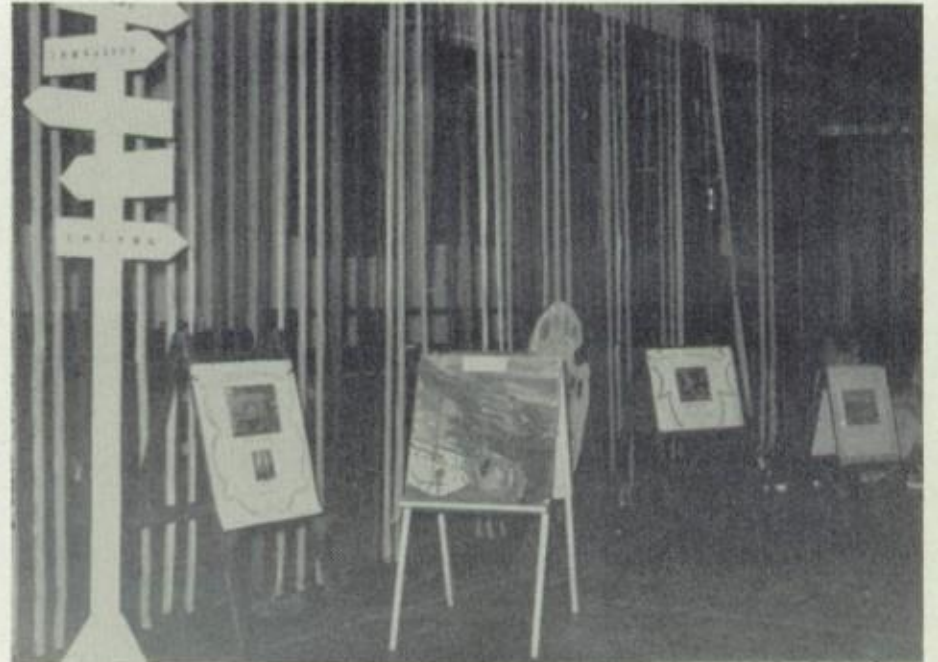


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BOYS' QUARTET-MINUS "MUMPS" JANSSEN



SIDEWALK CAFE



PARIS ART GALLERY  
BY JUNIORS



VANCE DIXON BAND



SOPHOMORE WAITERS AND WAITRESSES

GARY AND LORI

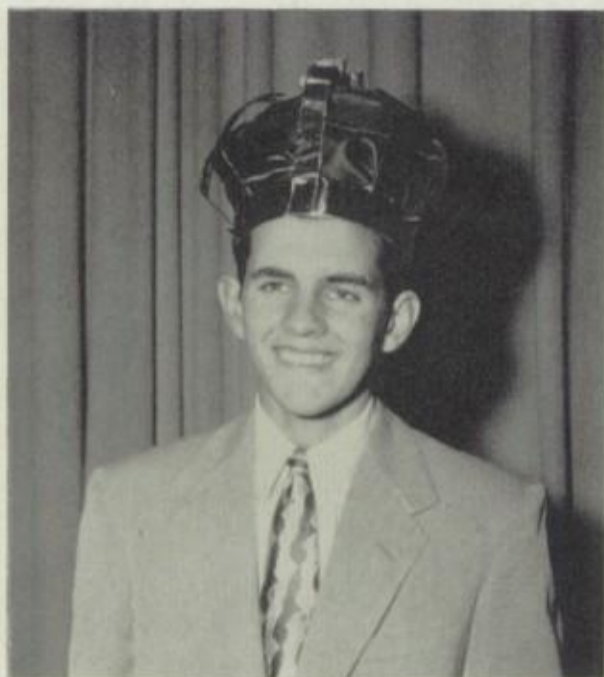


DANCING



# Ho

Gary Buss, 1955 King



Vicki Rewerts, Flower Girl, Scott Lange, Crown Bearer.



Attendants-Cheryl Rogers and Curt Kyhl.



Entering Margie and Gary



Eldon Peters  
Master of Ceremonies



1954 King and Queen-Janice Pruisner  
and Gaylen Kuperus.

# me

Margie Fleshner, 1955 Queen.



Jolene Abkes, Flower Girl, Tim Sipe, Crown Bearer.



Attendants-Donita Doescher and  
Bill Snittjer.



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ing



Mass Pep Meeting



Joe and Gaylen carrying Greene "effigy".



Action in the Home-coming Game.



Gaylen Kuperus, 1954 King, Crowns Gary Buss, 1955 King.

After Crowning



Janice Pruisner, 1954 Queen, Crowns Margie Fleshner, 1955 Queen.

King and Queen and Attendants.



# Parties



SQUARE DANCING



DON'T DROP IT



WHAT ARE WE DOING NOW?



GUESS WHO!!



HURRY, HURRY, HURRY!!

## The Freshman Party



CHANGING



EATING



SHAVE



BANG, BANG!!

## Christmas



MISS BAIRD, ACCOMPANIST



MR. GIRSCH LEADS GROUP SINGING.



MR. STEWART RECEIVES GIFT FROM FFA.



THANK YOU



CHRISTMAS VACATION  
BEGINS



LET'S GO



YOU TELL THEM, LOUIE.



HOME RUN



COUNTY CHAMPS



WE DID IT!



DID SHE MAKE IT?



EXCITED FANS

COUNTY

SECTIONAL

DISTRICT



First



Team

FRONT ROW: Student Manager, Eldon Peters, Vernon Janssen, Gary Buss, Curt Kyhl, Bill Snittjer, Gaylen Jungling. SECOND ROW: Chuck Eilers, Gaylen Kuperus, Lee Freeseaman, Jim Schultz, Joe DeGroote, Jim Riggs, Harvey Diekman, Coach Silke.

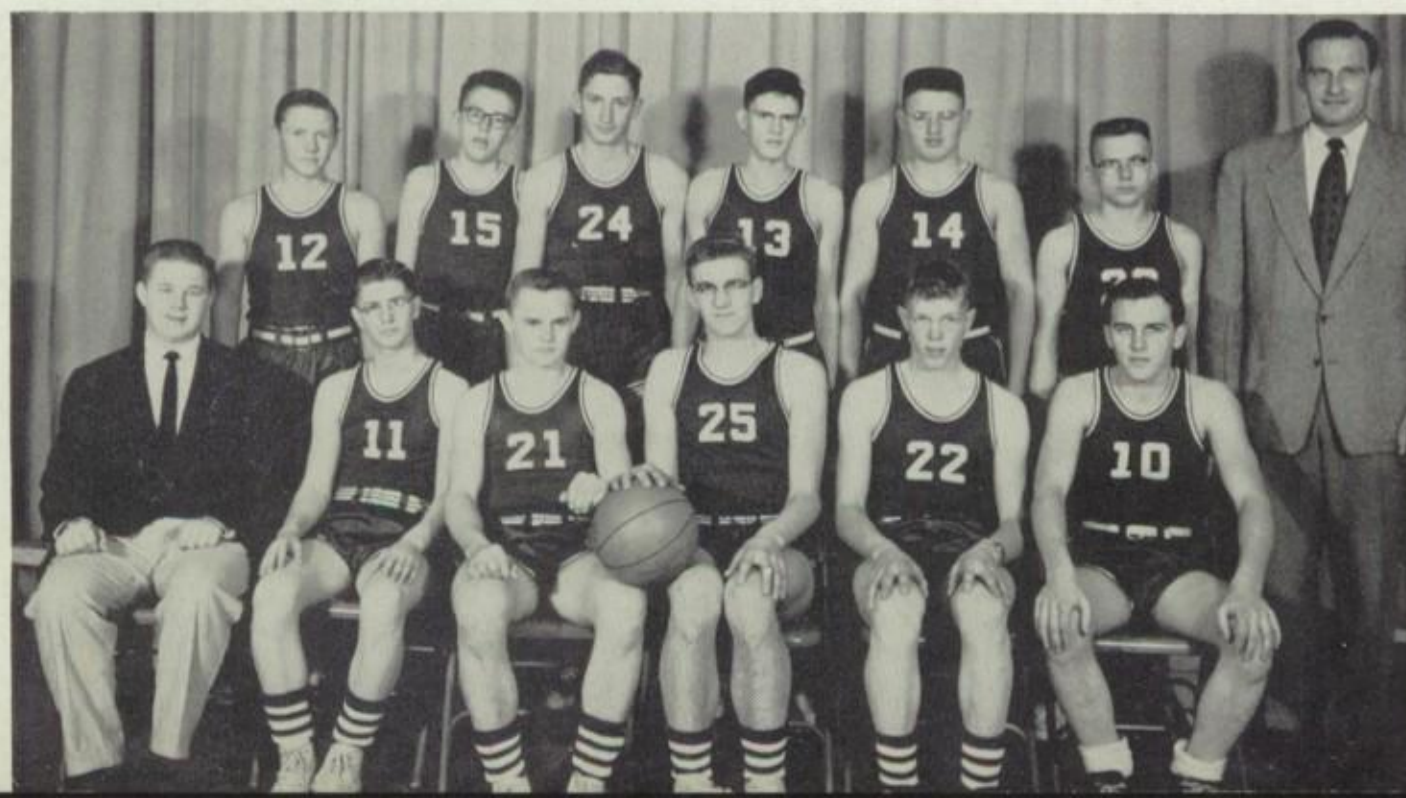
The team had an outstanding season this year. They won the Butler County Tournament, Sectional Tournament, and finished second in the Conference. As we go to press, our team is preparing to meet Waverly in the finals of the District.

We will lose 5 Seniors this year. The remainder of the squad consists of 4 Juniors and 3 Sophomores.

P'burg 49	Bristow 30	P'burg 65	Dumont 56
P'burg 46	Shell Rock 58	P'burg 60	New Hartford 58
P'burg 53	Allison 73	P'burg 52	Aplington 56
P'burg 76	Dumont 49	P'burg 70	Greene 64
P'burg 54	New Hartford 49	P'burg 56	Clarksville 40
P'burg 65	Aplington 60	P'burg 58	Greene 51
P'burg 57	Greene 48	P'burg 76	Dumont 59
P'burg 52	Clarksville 46	P'burg 54	Allison 51
P'burg 42	Bristow 32	P'burg 49	Ackley 48
P'burg 56	Shell Rock 36	P'burg 47	Grundy Center 45
P'burg 55	Allison 70	P'burg 43	Iowa Falls 41
		P'burg 48	Waverly 62

FRONT ROW: Student Manager, Eldon Peters, Chuck Eilers, Lee Freeseaman, Jim Riggs, Joe DeGroote, Harlan Oelman. SECOND ROW: Heiko Reiners, James Burchard, Justin Nicklaus, Darryl Reints, Ronnie Wallbaum, Chuck Snittjer, Coach Silke.

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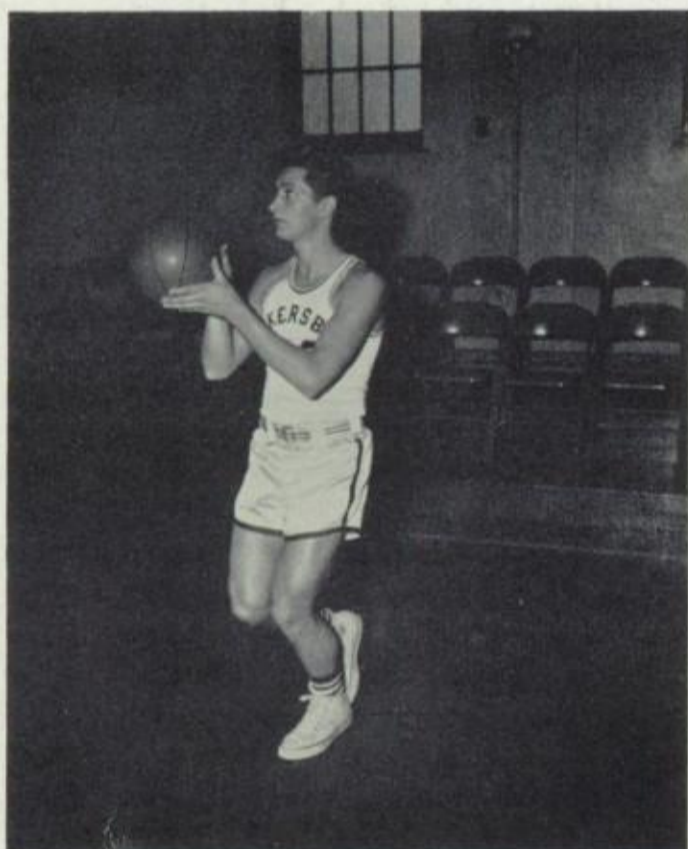
Team



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FRONT ROW: Janice Jansen, Margie Fleshner, Carla Hosch, Marlys Menken, Connie Kyhl, Pauline Henrichs. BACK ROW: Student Manager, Joyce Buss, Linda Ascher, Caroline Arenholz, Sharon Faber, Byrna Wickers, Ellen Jungling, Delores Burch.

The girls enjoyed a successful season, finishing **second** in the conference. The overall season's record was 11 to 5.

Since we lose only two Senior's from the squad and have 5 Juniors, 7 Sophomores, and 5 Freshmen remaining, we expect to improve next year.

Girls' basketball has a good following here in Parkersburg. Since all schools in the conference have girls' teams, the spectators always get to see a good girls' game as well as a good boys' game.

P'burg 47	Bristow 32	P'burg 36	Shell Rock 37
P'burg 38	Shell Rock 74	P'burg 39	Allison 30
P'burg 51	Allison 21	P'burg 26	Aplington 21
P'burg 47	Dumont 44	Girls' County Tournament	
P'burg 40	New Hartford 23	P'burg 48	Allison 29
P'burg 44	Aplington 43	P'burg 45	Dumont 55
P'burg 44	Greene 34	P'burg 35	Clarksville 36
P'burg 45	Clarksville 42	Girls' Sectional Tournament	
P'burg 42	Bristow 32	P'burg 31	Janesville 46

FRONT ROW: Janice Jansen, Margie Fleshner, Carla Hosch, Marlys Menken, Connie Kyhl, Pauline Henrichs. MIDDLE ROW: Miss Derga, Chaperone, Linda Ascher, Caroline Arenholz, Delores Burch, Sandra Folkers, Janice Stoppelmoor, Carole Reher. BACK ROW: Joyce Buss, Student Manager, Bonnie Buss, Delores Hoogestraat, Sharon Faber, Byrna Wickers, Ellen Jungling, Lynnette Alberts, Beverly Berends, Mr. Silke, Coach.





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FRONT ROW: Gaylen Kuperus, Bill Snittjer, Marvin Eilers, Larry Oldenburger, Vernon Janssen, Harlan Oelman. BACK ROW: Eldon Peters, Student Manager, Heiko Reiners, Chuck Eilers, George Mulder, Curt Kyhl, Gary Buss, Joe DeGroote, Jim Riggs, Gaylen Jungling, Harvey Diekman, James Burchard, Coach Silke.

The Parkersburg High School baseball squad played a total of fifteen games during the spring and fall season. They came through with a fine record of twelve wins and three losses.

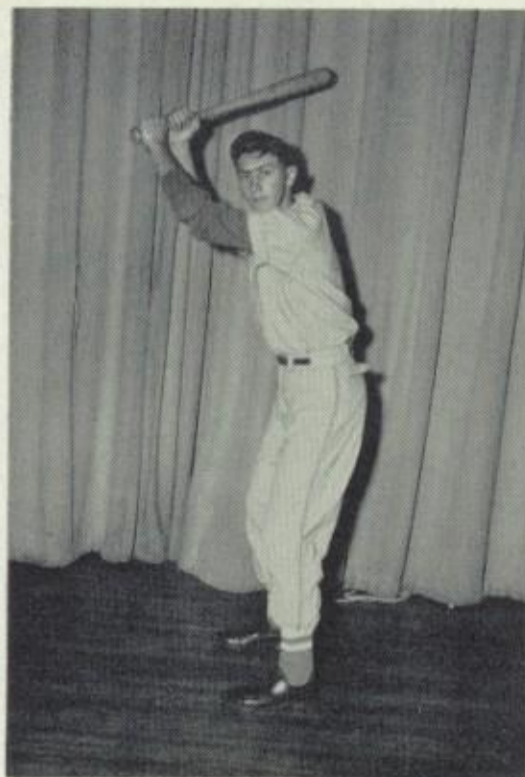
They won the Sectional Tournament by defeating Wellsburg. They won the first game of the district by beating Grundy Center, but loss in the finals to a fine team from Radcliffe.

They received two nice trophies, one for winning the Sectional Tournament and one for winning the second place in the conference.

SPRING				FALL			
P'burg	9	Clarksville	0	P'burg	13	Dumont	3
P'burg	7	Bristow	0	P'burg	10	Bristow	0
P'burg	6	Dumont	4	P'burg	0	Aplington	4
P'burg	10	Aplington	7	P'burg	4	Shell Rock	3
P'burg	12	Dike	11	P'burg	5	Geneva	0
P'burg	17	Wellsburg	4	P'burg	0	Aplington	2
P'burg	3	Grundy Center	2	P'burg	19	Waterloo	1
P'burg	1	Radcliffe	13			(Sacred Ht.)	



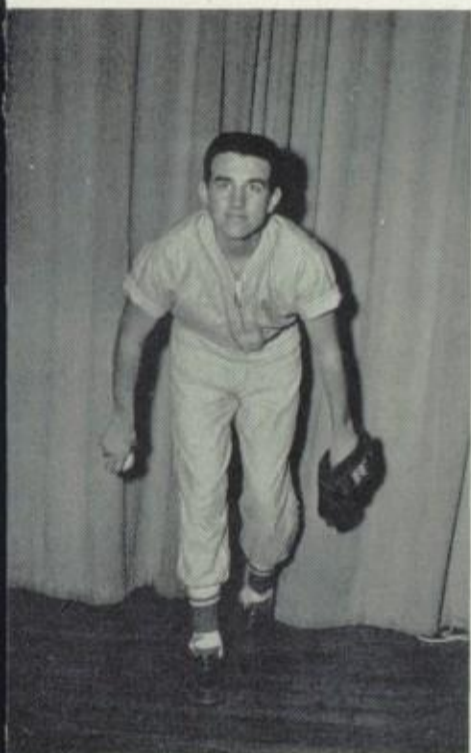
CHUCK: Shortstop



MO: Second Baseman



WILL: Outfielder Or Third Baseman



JOE: Pitcher Or Outfielder



GAY: Catcher



GUS: Pitcher Or Infielder

GEORGE: Outfielder



LARRY: First Baseman



HARLAN: Outfielder



# Cheerleaders



HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS:  
Dixie Dring, Janice Pruisner,  
Marlys Ulfers, Donita Doescher.



Dixie Dring



Donita Doescher



Norma Brandt, Alternate



Janice Pruisner

Alternates

Sharon Ulfers and Nancy Wahl.



## Junior High

Joyce Brocka, Joyce Knudson,  
Bethel Graham, Ardith Brocka.



Marlys Ulfers



# Junior High



# First Team

FRONT ROW: Student Manager, Donald Haack, Evan Bennehoff, David Knock, Delbert Huisman, Alan Pruisner, Coach, Mr. Heller. BACK ROW: Kenneth Kyhl, Duane Wildeboer, Roger Doescher, Bill Hammer, Harry Buseman, Larry Pruisner, Gary Lumley, James Jansen.

The little Panthers worked hard and learned fast, closing the 54-55 season with a 21 point win over Clarksville. The season was far more profitable than the score book shows. Invaluable experience was gained by the 7th and 8th grade squad members and all indications are for a bigger and better basketball season next year.

The success of any depends upon the hard work and co-operation of the entire squad.

P'burg 25	Allison 51	P'burg 38	New Hartford 46
P'burg 33	Dumont 30	P'burg 19	Allison 25
P'burg 36	Aplington 24	P'burg 34	Green 24
P'burg 28	Clarksville 27	P'burg 26	Clarksville 29
P'burg 30	Shell Rock 41	P'burg 25	Shell Rock 39
		P'burg 32	Clarksville 11

FRONT ROW: Donald Anderson, Evan Bennehoff, David Knock, Delbert Huisman, Elmer Reints, Merle Schrage. SECOND ROW: Student Manager, Donald Haack, Duane Tjabring, Charles Penticoff, Bennie Stickley, Clarence Karsjen, Russell Simon, Bobby Cavin, Robert Abbas, Elmer Reints, Coach, Mr. Heller. THIRD ROW: Allen Pruisner, Kenneth Kyhl, Duane Wildeboer, Roger Doescher, Bill Hammer, Harry Buseman, Larry Pruisner, Gary Lumley, James Jansen.

# Entire



# Squad

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FRESHMEN-----ANIMAL HUSBANDRY



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General Science Class Learning About Dry Cell.

Mr. Heller Explaining Problem to General Science Class.



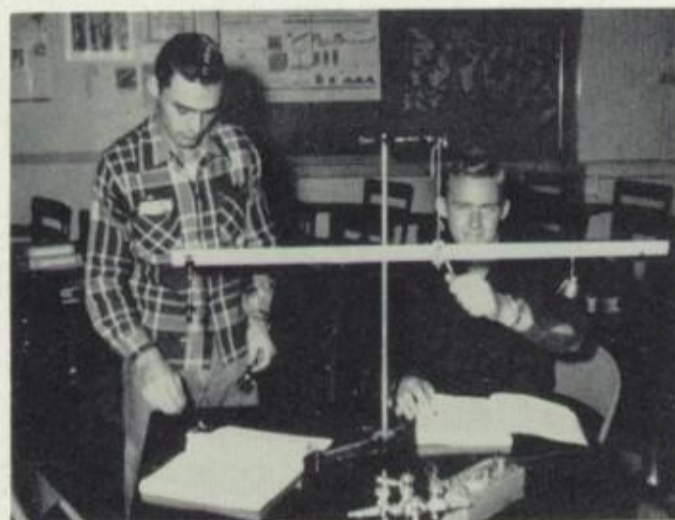
Jim Working Out Experiment in General Science.



Working Out Experiments in Biology.



Mr. Heller Explaining Charts to Sophomore Biology Class.



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Curt and Gaylen Working Out a Physics Problem.



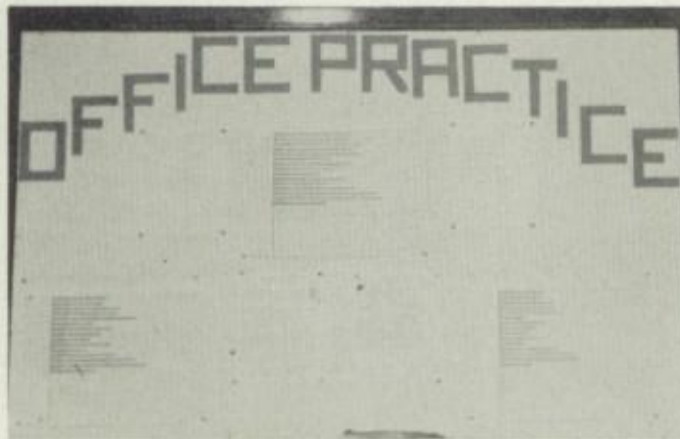
John With Supervisors.



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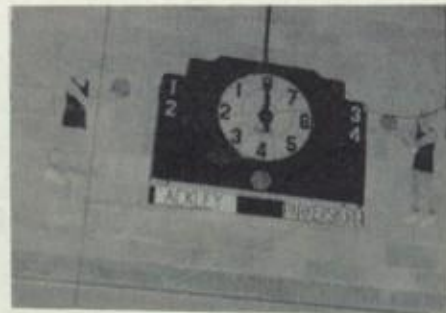
### FIXING UP





TRAGEDY







VIEWING THE FILM



Many new ideas in farming were discussed at the farmers evening school this year. About 20 farmers attended ten regular class meetings and heard about the new practices in agriculture. The group learned a few things and had many a good hot discussion over the coffee which was served after each meeting. The greatest benefit received was through an exchange of ideas.



ADULT

Adult homemaking classes this year studied advanced sewing problems. Classes were held each Monday night for eight weeks through January and February, from 7:30 until 9:30 P. M. There were 25 members enrolled and attendance averaged about 20. Many types of garments were made among which were suits, dresses, coats, and blouses.

EDUCATION



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## Veterans' Farm Programs

Veteran's farm training program was started in Parkersburg in January 1947 under Public Law 346 and is being continued under Public Law 550 for Veterans of the Korean War. Three classes are now in operation.

The program is designed to provide intensive vocational training in farming, coordinated with the individual veteran's farming program and activities. The training is developed with due consideration for the size and character of the farm on which the veteran is working and to the needs of the veteran in the type of farming for which he is training.

The major objectives of the program are to assist the veteran to:

- A. Become successfully established in farming.
- B. Produce farm commodities efficiently.
- C. Market farm products advantageously.
- D. Conserve soil and other natural resources.
- E. Manage a farm business successfully.
- F. Maintain and use farm records and business accounts.
- G. Perform mechanical work in farming.
- H. Maintain a favorable home environment.
- I. Co-operate in community and other agricultural programs.

The present instructors are James S. Spain, Jr., H. B. Corder, Terrance J. Spain, and Arthur H. Evans.



Mr. H. B. Corder and Group.

Mr. James S. Spain and Class.



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